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**Subject:** FW: Support letter for Resolution condemning Alien Enemies Act  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 8, 2025 3:58:53 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please see the below communication Item 31 (File No. 250300) on today's agenda.

**File No. 250300** - Resolution condemning President Trump's use of the "Alien Enemies Act" to deport noncitizens as an abuse of power and threat to our constitutional order.

Thank you,

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Support letter for Resolution condemning Alien Enemies Act

I am submitting a letter in support of this resolution:

Support

letter for SF BOS Resolution on AEA

April  
8, 2025

Board  
of Supervisors  
City  
and County of San Francisco

RE:  
Support of SF Board of Supervisor Resolution to Condemn the use of Alien Enemy Act of 1789

Dear  
Supervisors,

I  
am writing to urge support of Supervisor Melgar's resolution to condemn the invocation of the Alien Enemy Act of 1789 which targets Venezuelan immigrants, thereby depriving them of due process of law-- a Constitutional right guaranteed to all, regardless of immigration status. Over 80 years ago, my family in Hawaii and many in our Japanese American community in the Bay Area experienced the injustice of this law. Today I am profoundly distressed and alarmed that such an error could be repeated, targeting another immigrant group.

I  
have been a member of the San Francisco Japantown community for over 40 years, including the Buddhist Church of San Francisco (BCSF), an inclusive Buddhist community established in 1898 by Japanese immigrants. Our Issei (first generation immigrants) pioneers helped to build a thriving community while enduring harsh xenophobia, racist and national origin discrimination in every aspect of their lives due to local, state and federal anti-immigrant legislation in the pre-World War II era as well as its aftermath. Buddhist ministers and community leaders were among the first detained, when the Alien Enemy Act of 1789 was invoked at the outset of World War II, paving the way for Executive Order 9066, authorizing the wholesale incarceration of over 120,000 persons of Japanese descent in San Francisco and entire West Coast, two-thirds of whom were citizens, and a majority children.

In  
fact, our nation has already officially acknowledged that profound injustice with the passage of the federal Civil Liberties Act of 1988 which concluded that the World War II mass incarceration of persons of Japanese ancestry as "enemy aliens" was a "grave error"; and a result of "wartime hysteria, racial prejudice, and a failure of political leadership" (Commission on the Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians). An official apology, individual reparations to survivors, and a public education fund was passed by Congress-- so that history may not be repeated. The trauma of that injustice is

still being felt and community efforts to fully redress the harms continue, as in the case of Japanese Latin Americans who have yet to receive appropriate redress. Major educational and local redress efforts are ongoing as in the 2022 SF Board of Supervisor Board Resolution No. 63-22 commemorating the 80th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066.

By  
invoking the Alien Enemy Act of 1789, our nation is witnessing and experiencing the repeat of historical errors, and it is up to each of us in local communities to stand together and uphold our Constitution and human dignity for all. Passage of the proposed SF Board Resolution to condemn the Alien Enemy Act of 1789 is a critical step in that collective resolve.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,  
Julie Yumi Hatta

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**Subject:** FW: RES. 205300  
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**Attachments:** [Rosalyn Tonai - Public Comment on BOS Res. 250300.pdf](#)

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Public Comment submitted.

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TO: San Francisco City and County Board of Supervisors

FR: Rosalyn Tonai, National Japanese American Historical Society, Inc.

RE: Resolution 250300

Presented by Melgar; Dorsey, Sherrill, Mahmood, Chan, Fielder, Mandelman, Chen,  
Walton, Sauter

My name is Rosalyn Tonai, I am the executive director of the National Japanese American Historical Society, based in San Francisco's Japantown.

I would like to add my comments into the public record. You are correct, the last time the Alien Enemies Act was invoked was in December of 1941, to arrest Japanese, Italian, and German immigrant nationals within the U.S., in the aftermath of Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor and upon the U.S. entry into World War II.

AEA authorized the apprehension of thousands mass arrests of Japanese immigrant community leaders, such as business owners, religious clergy, and Japanese cultural instructors, as "dangerous enemy aliens" on the assumption that these people were spies and saboteurs. All told, over 16,000 were detained and interned at Department of Justice internment camps and Army facilities, including Angel Island and Sharp Park.

Ironically, the AEA, was also applied to over 6,000 persons of Japanese, Italian, and German ancestry—both immigrant residents and citizens—of 18 Latin American nations who were forcibly expelled from their homes in Latin America and transported to the U.S. Upon entering U.S. territorial waters, these "enemy aliens" were then classified as "illegal entrants," and placed in Department of Justice camps and/or U.S. Army facilities for indefinite detention. Later during the war, many were thrust into the war zones of Europe and Asia through civilian prisoner exchanges for U.S. citizens. <https://njahs.org/enemy-alien-files/>

Executive Order 9066 was signed into law on February 19, 1942, while different, extended the reach of the apprehension and detention policies. E.O. 9066 granted full authority to the military, and permission to exclude German, Italian and Japanese "enemy aliens" from designated military zones. Eventually, E.O.9066 led to the systematic mandatory mass exclusion and removal of over 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, two-thirds of whom were U.S. citizens, from the West Coast and their incarceration in War Relocation Authority camps. In 1976, Executive Order 9066 was rescinded by President Gerald Ford. And in 1982, the US government concluded that EO9066 was not based on the pretext of military necessity, but it caused by "race prejudice, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership."

Thank you for your attention in this important matter.

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**Subject:** FW: [Public Comment] Support - File #250300 Resolution condemning President Trump's use of the "Alien Enemies Act" to kidnap and deport noncitizens  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 8, 2025 2:25:55 PM

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

My name is Shuangyan Li. My name is Shuangyan Li. I'm an advocate with Chinese for Affirmative Action, a civil rights based organization and founding partner of Stop AAPI Hate in San Francisco's Chinatown. I would like to submit a public comment in support of the File #250300 Resolution condemning President Trump's use of the "Alien Enemies Act" to kidnap and deport noncitizens:

*My name is Shuangyan Li. I'm an advocate with Chinese for Affirmative Action, a civil rights based organization and founding partner of Stop AAPI Hate in San Francisco's Chinatown.*

*Since CAA was founded in 1969, our organization advocates for immigrant rights, language access, and racial justice. Thank you Supervisor Melgar for introducing this resolution condemning the unlawful Executive Order invoking the Alien Enemies Act. Over eighty years ago, the federal government used the Alien Enemies Act to detain thousands of Japanese, German, and Italian immigrants and strip them of their rights based solely on their nationality. In addition to detaining immigrants under the Alien Enemies Act, the government used Executive Order 9066 to forcibly remove and incarcerate more than 120,000 people of Japanese descendants, including those who are U.S. citizens, in concentration camps.*

*We need to take actions to stop these same racist and xenophobic laws from coming back. We are glad to see the City of San Francisco is taking action. I urge the Board of Supervisors to approve this resolution and continue to work with our immigrant communities across all aspects to fulfill the commitment to protect our community.*

*Thank you for your careful consideration and leadership on this critical issue.*

Sincerely,  
Shuangyan Li

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**Date:** Tuesday, April 8, 2025 2:10:52 PM  
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SF Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the JACL NCWNP Regional Office, I ask that you strongly condemn President Trump's use of the Alien Enemies Act (AEA). This Administration has invoked this Act of 1798 to specifically target foreign nationals from Venezuela who are over the age of 14 and alleged to be members of the Tren de Aragua criminal organization, and has deported them to El Salvador for imprisonment.

It is also deeply troubling that some individuals who are legal residents of the U.S. and others not affiliated with the Tren de Aragua were similarly rounded up, deported and imprisoned.

That the right to due process was denied to them is a threat to our nation's constitutional principles, and this Administration's abuse of power should be a concern to us all.

We ask the SF Board of Supervisors to vigorously oppose the President's invocation of the AEA and that it urge Congress to pass the Neighbors Not Enemies Act, which calls for the repeal of the AEA.

Attached is the statement that JACL has issued.

Thank you for your consideration and your leadership.

Sincerely,  
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# JACL

Japanese American Citizens League

## JACL Condemns Trump Administration's Unlawful Invocation of the Alien Enemies Act

**March 17, 2025 - For Immediate Release**

On March 15th, 2025, President Donald Trump [invoked the Alien Enemies Act of 1798, specifically targeting foreign nationals from Venezuela who are alleged members of the Trend de Aragua criminal organization](#). The Alien Enemies Act was last used to intern 31,000 Japanese, German, and Italian nationals during WWII. As the Japanese American community knows, the scope was expanded to include United States citizens through Executive Order 9066 leading to the incarceration of over 125,000 people of Japanese ancestry. We fear that the Venezuelan immigrant community is now being similarly targeted through the unlawful use and expansion of the Alien Enemies Act.

This is the fourth invocation of the Alien Enemies Act in the history of the United States, however, this is the only time outside of wartime. Under the newly signed EO "Invocation of the Alien Enemies Act Regarding the Invasion of The United States by Tren De Aragua", any Venezuelan national over the age of 14, who is alleged to have ties to the Tren de Aragua gang is subject to be arrested, detained, and deported regardless of their immigration status. Not only is this an unlawful use of the Alien Enemies Act, outside the scope of wartime, but is overly broad and can be used to target individuals with no proven connection to Tren de Agua except through their Venezuelan citizenship.

The Federal District Court immediately intervened and issued a temporary restraining order to block the deportation of any individuals under the authority of this executive order and called for a plane carrying deportees to immediately return to the United States. In what would be especially egregious behavior, the Trump administration may have blatantly

ignored the judge's orders and carried out deportations on Saturday under the authority of the Alien Enemies Act.

The Trump administration's invocation of the Alien Enemies Act is unconstitutional and continues the deeply racist and xenophobic legacy of Japanese American incarceration during WWII. The danger of the Alien Enemies Acts is the power granted to the President to circumvent the constitutional rights to due process for immigrants under the guise of national security. As it was revealed after the war, Japanese Americans posed no security threat, and many Japanese Americans served with distinction to defeat the Axis powers, even as their families remained imprisoned behind barbed wire in American concentration camps.

We call for the administration to comply fully with the temporary restraining order and halt any deportations under the proposed authority of the Alien Enemies Act. The alleged blatant disregard for Judge Boasberg's orders to turn the plane carrying deportees around cannot be tolerated in a nation of laws. The Alien Enemies Act cannot be invoked without a declaration of war, an act that only Congress can take. Congress can and should pass the Neighbors Not Enemies Act, which would repeal the Alien Enemies Act to ensure that the President cannot abuse the law and further desecrate our Constitution.

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#### **About The Japanese American Citizens League**

*The Japanese American Citizens League is a national organization whose ongoing mission is to secure and maintain the civil rights of Japanese Americans and all others who are victimized by injustice and bigotry.*

*The leaders and members of the JACL also work to promote cultural, educational, and social values and preserve the heritage and legacy of the Japanese American community.*

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Dear Supervisors,

Please see the communication below regarding Item 31 on todays agenda.

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I strongly recommend that the BOS addept the resolution to  
condemn Trump's use of the Enemy Alien Act.

Tova Green, S.F. resident

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"Kind speech can turn the destiny of a nation." *Eihei Dogen (1200 - 1253)*

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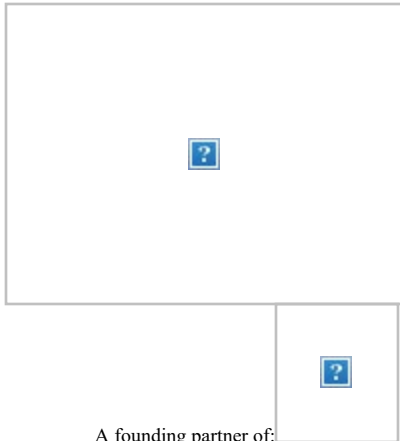
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**Subject:** [JTF] SUPPORT for 4/8/25 Resolution Condemning Use of the "Alien Enemies Act" File #250300  
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San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
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Via Email

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors,

The Japantown Task Force strongly supports the resolution introduced by Supervisor Myrna Melgar condemning the use of the "Alien Enemies Act" to deport noncitizens. As you know well, Japanese immigrant and Japanese American families residing on the West Coast were wrongfully incarcerated during World War II based on the Alien Enemies Act, among other laws that were applied as race-based weapons. While innocent Japanese immigrants were initially the target of the Alien Enemies Act, Japanese Americans, including U.S. citizens, became widely considered "enemy aliens" in the press and in society, leading to the wholesale incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II in the historic violation of human and civil rights. The Japantown Task Force joins the effort led by Supervisor Melgar and other efforts to prevent a repeat of this catastrophically unjust history.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Yours sincerely,  
*Emily*

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